

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Airport Commission convened in a regular session on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Due to the absence of Chairperson Jacobsen, Commissioner Donnellan led the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Dingman, Glass, Hsiao, Orpe, and
Acting Chairperson Donnellan.

Absent: Commissioner Fitch and Chairperson Jacobsen.

Also Present: Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian and
Business Manager Williams.

MOTION: Commissioner Hsiao moved to grant Commissioner Fitch and Chairperson Jacobsen excused absences for the February 10, 2011 Airport Commission meeting. Commissioner Orpe seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

3. FLAG SALUTE

Dennis Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Dingman, seconded by Commissioner Hsiao, moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF JANUARY 13, 2011

Commissioner Hsiao offered the following clarification to the minutes:

Page 4, 7A, paragraph 6, line 2: "He expressed concern that the Commission was not given the quantitative information needed to support the change in numbers."

MOTION: Commissioner Dingman moved for the approval of the January 13, 2011 Airport Commission meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Orpe seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Fitch and Chairperson Jacobsen and with Commissioner Glass abstaining).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Dingman, referring to an article in the Daily Breeze, stated that he supports former Commissioner Tymczyszyn's argument that mixing slower helicopters in the same altitudes as faster fixed wing aircraft is unsafe and a collision hazard.

7. ACTION ITEMS

None.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8A. AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONAL INFORMATION UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Acting Chairperson Donnellan noted that the following reports for February 2011 were included in agenda materials: Hangar and Tiedown Rental Status, Ongoing Projects, February Meeting Room Schedule, Hangar Waiting List, Events Requiring Emergency Response, and Airfield Operations Status.

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian advised that there are currently no hangar vacancies and briefly reviewed Report 5: Events Requiring Emergency Response.

8B. LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT – AERONAUTICAL

No report.

8C. NOISE ABATEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT

Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian distributed the Noise Abatement Quarterly Report for October 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 in the material of record. He briefly reviewed the supplemental report for the same period that includes Violations per Noise Monitor, Violations – Fixed Wing vs. Helicopter, and Exempt Aircraft Breakdown. He stated that staff is unable to further break down jet, turbo prop and piston aircraft. He advised that the next quarterly report for January, February, and March 2011 would be provided at the April 2011 Commission meeting.

Commissioners requested that staff provide a map showing the locations of the noise monitors.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

9A. Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian reported that on February 1, 2011 City Council considered the Commission's recommendations as well as the Helicopter Committee's recommendations regarding changes to the Helicopter Letter of Agreement. He stated that City Council recommended to approve lateral route modifications and agreed to the Helicopter Committee's altitude recommendations for a six-month period pending FAA approval. They further directed staff to include language in the Letter of Agreement that states that helicopters can fly below the recommended altitudes for safety reasons.

He stated that the Helicopter Charting Committee and Southern California Airspace Users Working Group both concurred with the recommended changes and that requested changes would be forwarded to the FAA for review early next week. He advised that changes cannot be implemented until the FAA approves the recommendations.

In response to Commissioner Glass' inquiries, Facility Operations Manager Megerdichian provided clarification that route changes but not altitudes would be put on

the helicopter charts and that the Helicopter Committee will continue to meet in the near future to study fixed wing routes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:25 p.m., Commissioner Glass moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, March 10, 2011 in the West Annex meeting room at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Hsiao seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Acting Chairperson Donnellan so ordered.

Approved as Submitted March 10, 2011 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
